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Dozens of kids waiting for licensed child care

SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Although a capital expansion of the Compass Early Learning and Care Centre in Minden planned to be completed by December 2020 will increase licensed child care space for toddlers and preschoolers, and will offer 10 new spaces for infants – the first licensed spots in a non-home-based centre in the county for children aged up to 18 months – in the meantime almost 50 kids in the county are signed up to a wait list, seeking licensed child care.

Currently there are 208 spots for licensed child care in the county, for 1,405 local children aged up to 12 years – about 15 per cent of the population. For toddlers aged 18 to 30 months, 20 spaces are available with 10 kids of that age on the waitlist; for preschool kids aged 30 months to four years, 64 spaces are available with seven on the waitlist; for kindergarten kids aged five to six years, 66 spaces are

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Pottery project focuses on honey

Eight-year-old Bryanna Liptak works on her clay honeypot at the workshop offered to children seven and up on Thursday, Aug. 29 at Abbey Gardens. Taught by local potter Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery, this was one of several activities/events during Honey Week offered at Abbey Gardens from Aug. 26 to 31. See more photos on page 10. /DARREN LUM Staff

Dysart council imposes Garlon ban

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Municipality of Dysart et al will impose a ban on the use of powerful herbicide Garlon.

Back at an April council meeting,

councillors supported a recommendation from the municipality's environment and climate change committee that Hydro One be advised that the use of Garlon would be prohibited within Dysart et al.

However, that direction was then delayed, with some members of the committee recommending that Hydro One be given a year's time to find a suitable

alternative solution.

During an Aug. 27 meeting of Dysart et al council, Mayor Andrea Roberts pointed out that until recently, she wasn't aware of what Garlon was, and of the concerns around its use.

"[The committee] made a recommendation, I'd never heard of it, didn't know what was involved," Roberts said,

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Expansion funding welcome for child care

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available with two kids on the wait list; and for primary junior school aged kids aged seven to 12 years old, 58 spaces are available with six kids waiting for care. The numbers of kids waiting for licensed child care do not reflect those who might not be on the list due to using alternative means of child care, which don't allow for funding subsidies to families in need.

"What can happen is people might be using family members, they might be using unlicensed care, so there may be some children in that type of care situation, however, if they are in need and they access a licensed home child care provider, then they may be eligible to receive subsidies to help pay for care," said Janine Mitchell, manager human services, City of Kawartha Lakes.

In most cases, families aren't able to access the fee subsidy program in order to help pay for care if they are not using licensed child care, which is why it is important for more licensed spaces to be available.

"That's why we are continually trying to recruit licensed home child care providers in those communities," said Mitchell.

Currently, only one licensed home child care provider exists in Haliburton County. According to their website, Compass Early Learning and Care is actively recruiting "nurturing, creative, flexible and resourceful individuals with a passion for children's learning and development," to offer licensed child care in their homes for up to six children under the age of 13, with an immediate start date. The program offers access to family group benefits, referral incentives, professional development training and networking, and access to a toy and equipment library.

A child tax credit offered by the provincial government is based on income.

"It's all according to taxes, and you know, with all tax credits, the amount you're eligible to receive depends on how much money you make," said Mitchell. "There is a child tax credit, the maximum a parent is allowed to receive on an annual basis is \$1,250. Now child care in itself would cost more than that. Our average cost for child care for an infant is \$54 [a day] across the County of Haliburton and the city of Kawartha Lakes."

One year of child care – about 252 days – for a toddler aged 18 to 30 months, costs approximately \$8,694, while the cost for a preschool child aged 30 months to four years is approximately \$8,757. Families of kindergarten and school-aged children from five to 12 years old who require care before and after school will pay on average about \$4,700 a year. Mitchell said the cost of child care for a toddler in Toronto can be double what it is here.

"However, we have information that shows the difference of, what's the cost of living, what's the average income, what's the average income of our sole support parents, so we know that even though it might be just over \$10,000 [here], that is a lot of money for the parents in our communities," she said. "That's a lot of money. So we really try to work hard to support the agencies."

Mitchell said her agency works on a number of provincial and regional working groups to serve the community, and that they listen to service providers as well, but

cannot always address their needs without an unlimited pot of money.

"We are aware of and track very carefully the child care situation and the child care picture in all of our communities, we know what the needs are and we are always ready for any available funding that might come from the province, any available opportunities for expansion, we'll be ready," she said. "What we have to make sure of is to have sufficient operating dollars to support those programs, because child care programs are financially supported through the City of Kawartha Lakes,

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We always want to make sure we can offer the best opportunities for children that we can.

— Janine Mitchell, CKL

we do have to make sure we have the funding, we can't just expand without making sure we have the funding to support that expansion."

Mitchell said data is also being tracked regarding how far families have to travel to access care.

"That's also something to consider as well," she said. "We do have care in the village of Haliburton and in Minden. If you're living in Cardiff, you may be accessing care in Bancroft."

She becomes emotional as she explains: "Quality early learning opportunities are really important for the development of children. When we can do the best we can do for children, then that just supports the entire community for years to come, and it also supports their families. We always want to make sure we can offer the best opportunities for children that we can."

Families interested in applying to join the waitlist for licensed child care can do so directly through child care programs or through the City of Kawartha Lakes website at <https://www.kawarthalakes.ca/en/living-here/child-care-fee-subsidy.aspx>. Individuals interested in offering licensed childcare in their home can learn more at <https://www.compasselc.com/careers/hcc-provider/>.



Finding water

David Beaucage Johnson, instructor at Haliburton School of Art + Design, gave an art talk on Aug. 7 about his passion for finding underground aquifers. Johnson was at the college teaching Indigenous History, Symbolism and Art. Beaucage Johnson uses dowsing rods to find water. He pointed out to the group that local portage routes are dotted with natural springs. /JENN WATT Staff

Staff assessing damage following events in Head Lake Park

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Grass in Head Lake Park was torn up, and three of the park's sprinklers crushed, following a series of events

that took place in the park in July and August.

Recreation program co-ordinator Andrea Mueller told Dysart et al councillors during an Aug. 27 meeting that an assessment of the park had revealed some damage to infrastructure.

"We did have three sprinklers that were crushed," Mueller said. "To pin that to one particular event is really challenging."

As Mueller explained, there have been a series of events in the park, and while there is an attempt to do an assessment of the sprinklers between each, that assessment must be done during the daytime, and with no one around, which can make it difficult.

There was not time, for example, to assess the sprinklers between the Rotary Carnival and Haliburton Ribfest, which took place just days apart in early August.

"It's a tricky spot to be in," Mueller said.

Organizations that use the park must leave a damage deposit with the municipality, and Deputy Mayor Pat Kennedy asked if the municipality was still in possession of those damage deposits.

Mueller said they were.

"There were some major ruts, there was some visual damage I could see," said Mayor Andrea Roberts, who'd been in the park during Ribfest.

Councillor John Smith said he didn't know why the municipality allowed Ribfest, a loud and for-profit event, to use the park in the first place.

"Unless the folks from Ribfest are going to write a cheque for \$50,000, or something like [that], why would we have them in town?" Smith said.

Mueller said she was already getting requests from organizers of various events, to use the park again next year.

Roberts said the municipality would hold onto the damage deposits until the broken sprinklers were dealt with.

"We created this product of our success, and now we have to rein it in a bit," she said of the now-frequent events that take place in Head Lake Park throughout the summer.

The municipality is working on the creation of a formal park use plan, with new fee structure.

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Sydney Parish makes next move in ballet career

JENN WATT

Editor

Twelve-year-old Sydney Parish comes down the stairs of her home near Haliburton holding two picture frames, each containing several studio photos of her in her dance costumes. The images show her growing up and advancing as a dancer, her form and flexibility improving, until the last image shows her standing, one leg stretching elegantly to the sky.

Dancing has been a passion for Sydney since she was two years old, says her mom, Stacey.

"She walked at nine months ... she would dance whenever a commercial came on or any music came on. Everybody was like, you've got to put her in dance and I'm like, 'hockey, hockey,'" she laughs. "We took her [to dance class] and she just loved it. She always used to say when she was little I'm going to own a dance studio. She's known for a very long time this is what she wants to do."

And so, after years of taking every opportunity locally to dance, Sydney is about to embark on a new adventure, moving to Belleville to train at the Quinte Ballet School of Canada. She'll be billeting with a family, attending school, and in the evenings and on Saturdays, training in dance.

It wasn't a hard decision for her to make. Following a three-step audition process including a summer dance program, she was ready.

"It wasn't hard [to decide] because I wanted to do it. As soon as I got accepted I got so excited and I was like, yes, right off the bat," Sydney says.

Quinte Ballet School will continue the years of training she's had with Haliburton Dance Academy, Heritage Ballet, and Acro Alliance, furthering her skills in hip hop, jazz, ballet and modern dance, among others. Stacey and Sydney say they are deeply thankful for the teachers at all three of the dance studios. "Without them we wouldn't be where we are today," Stacey says.

The Parish household is a lively one. Not only does Sydney dance, but so do her two sisters: Addyson and Maya.

"My sisters and I love doing performances for my mom and dad in the living room," Sydney says.

"Oh yes," Stacey nods.

To expand her repertoire and keep active, Sydney has kept a busy schedule in Haliburton of dancing five nights a week. And then when she gets home, she dances some more.

"I do [practice at home] because I want to keep up my flexibility," she says, explaining the importance of maintaining

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She's known for a very long time this is what she wants to do.

— Stacey Parish

core strength, good posture and keeping nimble and loose.

Applying for Quinte Ballet School of Canada was a three-step process. First, they put in an application, after that hurdle was cleared, Sydney had to audition for the director.

"Then they told us it would be two weeks roughly before we found out [if she moved forward]," says Stacey. "We did that on Nov. 24 and by Nov. 26 she was accepted in."

The third step was a three-week summer intensive, which she completed in July. From there, she was accepted into the professional training program. The intensive gave Sydney a taste of what was to come.

"I'm just super excited just to go there and dance," she says. "I had so much fun at the three-week intensive. I made so many new friends and I'm going to make new friends at school now, too."

Being two hours away, Stacey says she and her husband Jason will be able to visit their daughter regularly, and they'll be connected by phone and Facetime.

Sydney says after attending Quinte Ballet School of Canada, which will likely be a five-year commitment, she might go on to post-secondary education in dance. Ultimately, she would like to tour the world with a dance company.

"It's just fun for me. It's my comfort zone," she says. "... When I'm on stage it's my time to shine. I just love to show everybody what I can do."



Photo by Dance BUG



Sydney Parish has been honing her craft for the last 10 years, training with local dance studios and in her spare time. She is now moving to Belleville to continue her training at Quinte Ballet School of Canada. /Photo by Al Reed



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Area realtors say Highlands in a balanced market

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After close to three strong years, the Haliburton Highlands real estate market is stabilizing, several area realtors say. This past month, sales in Haliburton County were down seven per cent (five sales) while listings were up by 30 per cent, or 76 more listings, according to the Haliburton County Market Statistics for July, provided by the Lakelands Association of Realtors.

The Lakelands Association of Realtors is a not-for-profit professional association representing more than 800 local realtors, who serve the Parry Sound, Muskoka, Haliburton Highlands and Orillia communities.

More listings results in longer average days on the market, which is a nearly 20 per cent increase year-to-date compared to last year.

Anthony vanLieshout, a broker of record for the Trillium Team, Royal LePage Lakes of Haliburton, said it's related to affordability.

"Our average prices have gone up 40 to 50 per cent in the last three-and-a-half years. At some point as the prices go up, fewer and fewer people can afford it, so you have fewer and fewer sales. I think that's what it is. All of a sudden your [\$350,000] cottage is now \$500,000," he said, referring to both waterfront and non-waterfront properties.

The national picture revealed by the Canadian Real Estate Association indicated a 3.5 per cent increase in sales. In the

same report, the Canadian MLS reported home sales went up for the fifth consecutive month, which was still below the highs reached in 2016 and 2017.

Linda Baumgartner, a broker with The Haliburton Real Estate Team, said when it comes to Haliburton County's non-waterfront residential properties, the period from July 2018 to July 2019 experienced a 4.8 per cent drop in unit sales (one unit less – 21 to 20) and an 18.1 per cent increase for the median sale price, which increased from \$210,000 to \$247,950.

Sales were also down for waterfront properties (8.5 per cent) and the median sale price dropped slightly by one per cent or from \$480,000 to \$475,000: statistics from The Lakelands Association of Realtors for Haliburton County.

"There has been quite the demand for residential properties this past year. First-time home buyers, newly retired couples and children moving back to Haliburton to be closer to their parents," she wrote in an email.

Baumgartner, a broker with 31 years of experience, said the stabilization of the market is just part of a 10 year cycle.

"We have experienced a very robust market over the past [two-and-a-half] years. Historic trends show approximately every 10 years there is a boom which lasts two years then we see a correction in the market and values," she wrote.

Baumgartner said the area is moving from a seller's market to a more "balanced market."

"There is still demand, but there is now more properties for buyers to choose from. I predict we will be seeing less mul-

tiples offers and a wider spread between list price and sale price. There are a lot of price reductions happening right now. If a property is priced right it will still sell though," she wrote.

Buyers in the market include more than just Millennials, vanLieshout said.

"We see a little bit of everything. I just sold a place on Halls Lake, a really nice, year-round home to a couple, who don't own a house in the city. Recently married, both working in the city. They're going to rent in Toronto and claim this is their principal residence. We're seeing that. Millennials inheriting money and we're seeing people coming in and financing their existing dwelling, maybe their property in Toronto because they have a lot of built-in equity they can finance to purchase a cottage. We've seen that for a long time."

VanLieshout said this past summer's weather has been ideal. Although weather doesn't influence purchasing, it does encourage more people to visit the area, which is good for everyone and could lead to a property purchase in the future, he said.

"A lot of the buyers have been introduced to Haliburton through friends, families, rentals ... fall in love with the area and as a result of that have decided to purchase something. That's a common theme," he said.

VanLieshout has been a realtor for 34 years, 23 years in Haliburton, starting when he bought the company from his father in 1996.

The big difference since he started in the Highlands is the trend of year-round residence use. With more dual-income families, there can be less time to spend at the cottage during the summer months, which leads to more year-round use.

Andrew Hodgson, broker and co-owner of Century 21 Granite Realty Group Ltd. since 2006 with his wife, Anne, said he experienced another strong year, comparing the first six months this year to the first six months of last year, which indicated similar sales numbers.

"Slow spring. Good summer. Short-term rentals are a big part of it. People wanting to be able to offset costs and current renters wanting to buy. They are introduced to our area. Growth of GTA an ongoing positive factor and still driven by boomers wanting to retire here. Positive story all over!" he wrote in an email.

Greg McInnes, a sales representative with Chestnut Park Real Estate Cottage Country Team, said we're in "what would be considered a balanced market."

The sales representative with more than nine years of real estate experience described the period of 2016 to 2018 as "good years for the Haliburton real estate market."

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More people are becoming aware of the Haliburton Highlands and all that it has to offer.

— Greg McInnes

There was a boom over the past few years with 2017 as a "banner year."

This contrasts to the national picture where many markets experienced market corrections and saw housing prices drop.

Average sales prices for waterfront properties for the area from 2016 to 2018 increased close to 30 per cent. Those years were defined as a seller's market.

He describes the market as a "mixed bag" due to "market variables, market segment and price point at which you are looking." He said this is a good reason to enlist the services of an agent to help.

When compared to other cottage markets, McInnes said Haliburton is doing better and "overall prices are still at or close to an all-time high" so it's a good time to sell for anyone interested.

With Muskoka and the Lake of Bays close by, the Haliburton Highlands is an attractive option for those interested in more than just saving money.

McInnes said many buyers are drawn to the "Muskoka Big Three" lakes or Lake of Bays and the amenities available in those areas, including their social scenes. However they come with a higher price tag.

"That said, more people are becoming aware of the Haliburton Highlands and all that it has to offer and for those looking for a quiet escape in beautiful natural surroundings, clean, clear lakes, a multitude of recreational activities, and good value for your money, there is no better place than the Haliburton Highlands."

Hodgson said it always helps the area when prices on Muskoka properties go up.

He isn't sure about the 10 per cent increase to prices continuing, but said the Highlands is well positioned, with access to this area improving due to upgrades to roads, the quality of the lakes and towns, and buyers coming from the GTA, where the value of detached homes is increasing, as is the population.

"We are in a good position now and in the future," he wrote.

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Smith sparks museum debate, again

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Dysart et al Ward 4 Councillor John Smith once again launched into criticisms of the municipally owned and operated Haliburton Highlands Museum during an Aug. 27 council meeting, prompting a strong response from Councillor Larry Clarke.

Smith has been repeatedly critical of what he calls the museum's low revenues in relation to its budget, and has brought the subject up at most Dysart council meetings since budget talks last winter.

"Obviously, another active month at the museum, 2,643 visitors during the month of July, which is, you know, a big number," Smith said. "I raise this again, I've talked about this before, 2,643 visitors through the month July, thousands and thousands of visitors so far this year, and according to our financial statements later in this report, we have collected in revenue, year-to-date, a total of \$3,100, with expenses exceeding \$100,000."

Smith proceeded to say that last month, he'd taken some of his kids and grandkids to the wolf centre at the Haliburton Forest, "and paid \$45 for the pleasure of that, and afterwards and reflecting back today, I got great value for money in terms of education and entertainment, and I'm pretty sure that Haliburton Forest isn't relying on taxpayers to subsidize that operation."

"They have found a way to create something that is compelling for people ... and it just leaves me wondering why we can't do a better job with the museum in terms of getting people who visit the facility to contribute something," Smith said.

Admission to the museum, as well as for the large amount of children's and family programming that takes place

there, is by donation.

"You know, with the thousands and thousands of visitors that have been reported there, and \$3,100 collected, they're putting in cents per visit," Smith said. "Cents. Not even near a dollar. I don't what our budget process is going to be, but it's about time that council, in my opinion, delivered a message that we're not going to continue to subsidize the museum the way we are, so the staff who work there can start preparing changes in approach to create an environment that people are actually prepared to pay to use the facility, rather than continuing as we are."

"We've got to get that message out there sooner than later," Smith said.

"I just want to say with all those numbers that were reported for last month that we're doing a good job at the museum because there are such high numbers, and people obviously like the museum, and what we're doing, and what we're providing for them," said Councillor Tammy Donaldson. "If the numbers were low and it was still costing us the same amount, that would be one thing, but the numbers are growing and the people like it. And there are lots of people, who are local, in Haliburton, who have never gone to Haliburton Forest, or the wolf centre, because there's costs. So this is their other alternative."

"I don't disagree with you that we could do a better job of advertising that we take donations," Mayor Andrea Roberts said to Smith. Roberts added that for other cultural institutions, such as the Haliburton County Public Library, fundraising has been done in the past.

"But, we need a champion ... " Roberts said to Smith. "So, I challenge you if you're interested in that ... and you think people should be paying more than pennies ... there's a challenge out there, and

if you want something and you're passionate about it, then go for it."

"You can't compare the wolf centre to the museum," said Clarke, adding that many of the artifacts were donated by the community and that staff's job is to look after those artifacts. "They are curators, they take proper care and are focused on the display. So, to charge the community money to take a look at things that they've donated is not acceptable."

"You can't compare those two operations," Clarke said.

"Somebody asked me ... at that town hall I had last spring if I would raise money for the museum and I was honest and I said no, I would have to have more passion for something that I was going to raise funds for," Smith said. Smith held a well-attended town hall meeting

at the West Guilford Community Centre in March, many of the attendees members of the arts community who'd come to voice their support for local cultural institutions in light of Smith's criticism at budget time.

Clarke continued to take issue with Smith's comments, including those about staff.

"It's not your job to be picking on staff, we've got a CAO, our staff reports to our CAO, if you've got an issue, you take it offline and you don't do it in public," Clarke told Smith.

"I didn't criticize our staff ... " Smith began.

"You're grandstanding," Clarke responded, as Roberts intervened.

"OK, thanks, that is a budget issue," she said, moving along in the agenda.

Man charged with distributing intimate images without consent

A 41-year-old Haliburton County man has been arrested and charged with distributing intimate images without consent following an investigation.

The accused and female victim are currently in a domestic relationship. In late July, the victim became aware that the accused had sent intimate images depicting the victim to other persons without her consent or knowledge. The incident was reported to police and officers investigated.

As a result of the investigation on Aug. 22, the accused was located by police at a Peterborough residence where he was arrested and charged with two counts of distributing intimate images without consent. The accused was released from custody and is scheduled to appear in court on Sept. 12.

In order to protect the identity of the victim in this domestic incident the name of the accused will not be released.

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Drink up

Hydration comes to Head Lake Park, after a unit was installed by the Municipality of Dysart et al in August. Users can get water from the fountain head or with a water bottle. The water refill stations are part of an effort by the municipality to reduce reliance on single-use plastics, including water bottles. / DARREN LUM Staff



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Cellphones in the classroom

AS WE HEAD into the new school year, the Ontario government has announced it's going forward with its classroom cellphone ban, to take effect in November. The new rules will allow the devices for instructional purposes and during the students' personal time, but not during instruction.

This makes good sense, but has been criticized by some as unenforceable and heavy handed, especially in a world that is increasingly reliant on technological literacy.

What we should all be able to agree on is that students need to learn without unnecessary distractions. There's already enough going on in any given classroom for both teachers and students without also adding cellphones or other devices. Measures should be taken to ensure a stable learning environment.

However, just because cellphones are the current classroom menace, we can't forget that distractions have always been around. For those who remember a time before smartphones, there was a little thing called a "note" that provided plenty of diversions in the classroom.

When you were bored, you wrote notes to your friends, concocting a way to get them across the classroom delivered through a network of allies you hoped wouldn't flub the pass-off. The information was mostly unimportant and certainly not instructional – you could say it was a distraction.

Teachers who were on the ball and concerned about maintaining order were alert to note passing and would confiscate – and read aloud – those notes as punishment. And we stu-

dents learned when it was not worth the risk. Their intervention probably helped us learn more, too.

Although not as flashy and mesmerizing as a cellphone, notes certainly filled that role, which is to say that students will always find something to be distracted by, whether it's a new piece of technology like a smartphone or an old one, like a pea-shooter.

The issue is enforcement and that's when what is presented as a provincial directive will really come down to individual teachers.

Could a province-wide ban have been imposed on note passing? We will never know, but likely no matter the rules, some students would continue finding ways to pass their time, while some teachers would be sure to crack down on those who did.

To all of the teachers who will be responsible for enforcing the ban, the best of luck. Hopefully it proves easier

than critics have predicted. Whether this is the remedy or not, it's undeniable that cellphones can be a barrier to learning. We just need to learn how to best control them.

Bye, Vanessa

Our thanks to Vanessa Balintec, our summer reporter who this week returns to her studies at Ryerson University in the journalism program. We're sure that all of the *Echo* readers enjoyed Vanessa's coverage of community news and events over the summer and we appreciated the enthusiasm and fresh perspective she brought to our office. We wish Vanessa all the best as she continues working toward a career in journalism.



jenn watt

Editorial



Summer calm on Pine Lake

by Darren Lum

Goodbye

AS I SIT TO write this article, I'm sitting on a dock overlooking beautiful Drag Lake. I'm looking after a friend's dogs, while they drop their daughter off at university. Thousands of parents/caregivers are packing up their cars and driving their kids to college or university this weekend. It is an exciting time.

Jim and I take our daughter tomorrow. As I sit here, sipping a glass of wine and taking in the beauty of Drag Lake, I can't help but think about how grateful I am to have had the opportunity to raise our daughter in Haliburton. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else.

She has had so many opportunities through the early years centre, the schools, the community theatre, the ski club, the dance and music studios, her places of employment and through all of her friends who have shared their homes and cottages with her. What a lucky girl to grow up surrounded by the arts, nature, incredible beauty, lots of opportunities for adventure, amazing music and in a community that is so creative and vibrant and constantly growing. It's a great foundation and inspiration for life.

I hope that my husband and I have taught our daughter all the important lessons in life so that she can succeed in her first year and in whatever she chooses to do. I had to smile earlier today because we had two young men from North Frontenac Telephone Company (NFTC) come to our house to move our modem, in preparation for our renovation (which I wrote about last week). My husband welcomed the young men in, and then left to go do something. I was packing up the kitchen and I watched one

of the guys look around our house. Every wall is covered in art, quotes, poetry and messages of inspiration in many colours.

Our friends had an end of summer celebration last weekend and we took the opportunity to use sharpies and magic markers and draw on the paneling, cupboards and ceiling tiles in the area that we are renovating. It was a way to say thanks for, and to remember, all the good times we've had in our home and as friends for the past 30 years.

I used the opportunity to write all the things I want to say to my daughter as she heads to Queen's. Be kind. Read local newspapers. Support independent coffee shops. Forgive. Say yes. Laugh a lot. You will fall and you will get up. Be willing to be uncomfortable. And so forth.

I realized the young man from NFTC was looking at our walls

and probably wondering what was going on. So I told him about our renovation and our evening of writing quotes, poems, inspirational lines of music, fun memories etc. He was kind and smiled and said he saw the drawings and wondered if we were really creative or some kind of cool hippies that chose to decorate our house with magic markers. He laughed and enjoyed reading some of the quotes. And I thought that I hope that as my daughter moves out into the world and meet new people, and is put into new situations that she will be open and accepting like this young man. Curious and non-judgmental. There are always new possibilities. The world is a more tolerant place one person at a time!

We will miss you, Madeline. Good luck and be a force for goodness wherever you are!

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points of view

Active measures

ABOUT A WEEK or two ago, it hit me that there was a time when I didn't have to work too hard to be physically fit or keep weight off. That time was somewhere around 1974.

Since then, I have slowly been losing ground in both areas.

They say that most people resolve to lose weight and get into a fitness regime when they are confronted by a shocking, life changing event. Apparently, it takes a real wakeup call to change behaviour.

For me, it struck home this year when I realized that, more often than not, I was the one in the back of the canoe. As most people know, the back of the canoe is generally relegated for the heavier person.

True, there are a lot of people who enjoy being in the back of the canoe for other reasons. You get to steer. You can stop paddling and no one in the canoe will

know but you. You don't have to get out of the canoe and get wet when you are beaching it. And when you near an unexpected waterfall or rapids, you've got early warning up front.

But, if you hunt and fish, the only place to be is at the front of the canoe.

If you are fishing, the guy in the front gets first crack at undisturbed water. Conversely, the guy in the back gets to try for fish that have already been



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Loon Tales

spooked.

Also, when hunting for ducks from a canoe, only the guy in the front gets to shoot – which means the guy in the back only gets to shake his head and claim that he would have hit that duck.

I could not in good conscience allow this to happen to me. So, I did what needed to be done.

I called my brother, who I hunt ducks with often and asked, "Hey, how much do you weigh these days?"

The answer was reassuring enough that I ate another butter tart.

But then it occurred to me that this is about so much more than being at the front of the canoe. It is also about how long it takes me to get into my chest waders.

You see I used be able to get into my chest waders in less than a minute – without the use of lubricants and a shoe horn. But lately, it has taken me much longer.

This is also an issue because every minute I wallow getting into my waders is a minute spent watching trout that I could have caught rise freely within easy casting range.

It is for these reasons I have redoubled my efforts at fitness of late. I now go for a three kilometre walk twice a day, shoot my recurve and long bows daily to maintain upper body strength and de-stress, and I have tried to limit my food intake to an amount that would feed an even smaller village. Heck, I have even started dabbling in jogging.

This just goes to show that desperate times do indeed call for desperate measures.

The most surprising thing is that I'm also trying to influence the guys I canoe with too, because it just seems like the right thing to do.

The other day, I suggested a great poutine place.



pic of the past

In the summer of 1933, this photo was taken of young Ev Stata and her aunt, Ann Parish. Aunt Anne and her husband Fred had eight children: Edith (who married Wilk Smith), Arthur, Alfred, Wesley, Pauline (who married Gordon Neville), Ethel (who married Dan Gainforth), Stanley and Marjorie (who married Phurness Watt). Young Ev grew up to be a fervent poetry writer; she published a collection of 80 of her poems on her 80th birthday. This photo first appeared in the *Haliburton Echo* in 2004 and was originally contributed by Ev Stata.

letters to the editor

This year's faces at the races

To the Editor,

As Head Lake Park awoke early on Saturday, Aug. 17, the "Weather Gods" laughed once more and presented what seems like our annual challenge of intermittent torrential rain.

We proceeded to set up our Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary tent and tables and began to unpack race programs, T-shirts and incredible raffle prizes, all donated by our exceedingly generous local stores and businesses.

Over the course of the weekend we had the opportunity to once more interact not only with the local residents, summer residents, and visitors to our community, but also with the racers, their teams and their families. It seems everyone makes it a point to stop by our tent. Of course, it helps that we hand out the beautifully designed racing programs. But all these fans are also huge fans of the Haliburton Hospital and express their deep appreciation through the purchase of raffle tickets on the many donated items and through their many very generous cash donations to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.

It was so rewarding over the course of the weekend to hear the race announcers talking between races about our wonderful hospital and

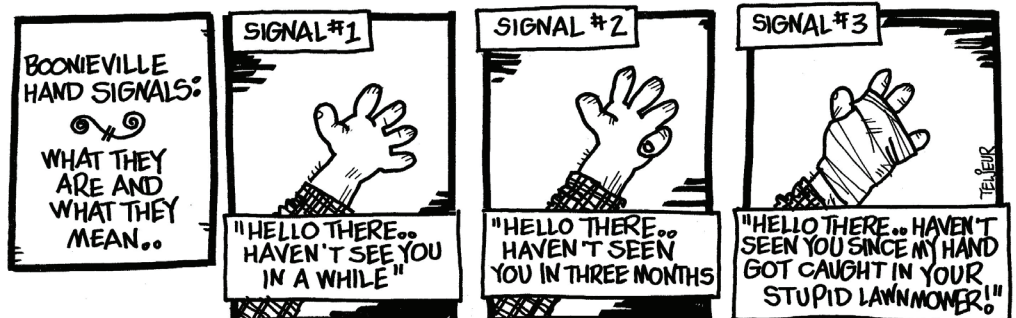
encouraging all the attendees to get over to the Hospital Auxiliary tent and purchase their raffle tickets. And they did.

Sunday morning as we were once more unpacking and getting set up, a lovely gentleman came by to make a very generous donation to the auxiliary. Harold Wilson, one of the race announcers, explained that the previous evening his wife had won the 50/50 draw at the racers' banquet at the Pinestone Resort. As Mr. Wilson and his wife were celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary, she decided that she would like to donate her entire winnings to the Hospital Auxiliary. Mr. Wilson spent several minutes talking to us about how much the racers love coming to Haliburton. They not only appreciate the incredibly beautiful scenery, but most of all, the warm welcome they receive from our local businesses, restaurants, hotels and motels. Race organizer, Barb Hammond, organizes this 50/50 draw every year for the Toronto Outboard Racing Club.

Shortly after our conversation with Mr. Wilson, Barb came by our tent with the balance of the 50/50 which was a donation from the Toronto Outboard Racing Club itself. Throughout the weekend, we received more than \$750 in cash

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BOONiEVille



Some background on the boat races

To the Editor,

Re: "Weekend event too noisy," Haliburton Echo, Aug. 20, 2019

Haliburton Outboard Power Boat Races marked their fifth year at Head Lake this past month. As the event organizer, I have done my best to address the noise issue through various newspaper articles and radio interviews. I apologize to those who find the noise offensive or disruptive to their health.

I could go on and on about this being free, something for young people to do etc., but I will refrain. Instead I think it is about time to

get facts correct and out there.

1. At other races we test on Fridays. At this event we refrain from testing to limit the noise to those who choose to live by a park area. Events in the States will shut down the whole town to host racers and spectators (Dupuis, Illinois).

2. On Sunday we begin race day late (anthem begins at 11 a.m.) in respect of the church services.

3. Past racers, racers (Canadian and American), family, friends and sponsors stay at the various bed and breakfast establishments, motels and resorts.

4. 90 people show up yearly to the banquet at the Pinestone. This particular year we

were the only event at the Pinestone.

5. The public boat launch is shut down but RPM offers free boat launching and parking to accommodate this inconvenience.

6. People who attend do spend their money in town at the restaurants, grocery stores and I personally know for a fact...the women did go shopping.

7. At the banquet, we run a 50/50 draw in which 100 per cent was given back to the auxiliary.

8. The person who supplies the sound equipment opted for no rental payment. Instead donated payment to the auxiliary

9. A past racer's wife spends her winter knitting "race dolls" for the auxiliary to sell

at their table.

10. Most importantly every year we try to raise money for the Hospital Auxiliary. This year we raised over \$7,100 for the Hospital Auxiliary. Over \$2,000 of that came directly from Toronto Outboard Racing Club and the rest from the raffle which I personally organize and hand over the selling of the tickets to the team of auxiliary volunteers who work extremely hard. So let's do the math over the past five years: "the noise" raised \$15,100. I wish we all could embrace the cause and get along once and for all?

Barb Hammond
Event organizer

Races support hospital

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donations alone.

We had an extra special item to raffle off this year in conjunction with the boat races, and that was a signed Matt Duchene Nashville Predators hockey jersey! To say there was tremendous interest in those tickets would be an understatement. Our community is so proud of Matt Duchene. He is not only an incredible athlete but also a highly respected role model for all those young up and coming hockey players. Raffle tickets for Matt's signed hockey jersey were totally sold out days before the actual draw.

None of this would have occurred if not for the Herculean efforts of Barb Hammond and the Toronto Outboard Racing Team, major sponsorship from RPM and Young-

dale Fuels, as well as many of our other local businesses.

We are a small community and every fundraising effort is a major endeavour. We can never thank our supporters enough for cheering on our many fundraising events. May you never need the exceptional care provided at the Haliburton Hospital but if you do, please know that it was your support of our events that has enabled the Hospital Auxiliary to purchase so many crucial pieces of medical equipment.

As of this date, the proceeds from the Boat Race, raffles and donations of \$1,210 from TORC plus a further \$800 from race sponsors total more than \$7,100.

Judy Skinner
Haliburton

Boyhood in Haliburton

To the Editor,

As others have expressed, it is good fun to read Ed's childhood memories of Haliburton boyhood activities.

I too share many of the reminiscences of Ed and those activities as we are of an age and had fun together. Ed was very present on the main street as his father had the restaurant and my parents had the "Highlander" hotel.

There were always kids activities that we did ourselves. There was a mill on the lake and you could run the logs or climb the lumber piles and jump from top to top. There was the railroad bridge swimming hole to go skinny dipping and swing on the rope attached to a large overhanging willow tree. There was nighttime cops and robbers in and out of the main street buildings side-yards. There was stealing cigarettes from the hotel supply and running into the high hills to learn to smoke. There was learning about girls and getting sex education from someone a year older than you.

The train was still running and we could sometimes access the passenger cars of the weekend train. There were always open box cars to hide in or do some secretive operation. Or you could just hang around the train crew and watch them drive the engine on to the turn table to allow the engine to back into the train house and face out for the morning trip back to Lindsay.

There were stock yards at the station and lumber piled to be placed in box cars for "out front" shipment.

At night time we played Nicky Nicky Nine Doors, played tag, last or ally ally over and laid on the grass in front of the post office to watch and listen to the night-

hawks swooping on mosquitos and lastly, the sound that made you know it was time to slip home – the call of the whippoorwill. There was a curfew: when the bell on the townhall tower rang it was time to be off the street.

In the winter it was snowball fights, sleigh riding with a Spitfire runner or riding on a pair of rippers. Smooth soled rubber boots for wearing when hitching on to the rear bumper of a logging truck or plow and hanging on until sand or a bare patch ripped your feet out from under you – being dragged along until you had to let go.

All of our fun was unorganized and without parental supervision. Even our hockey or skating was quite unsupervised. You went to the rink and brought wood in to light a fire in the box stove. Put the pail of frozen water on the stove to heat up while out skating. The room was cold-cold-cold. Coming off the ice there was a wood heat warmth but not really warm so you got your self ready to leave quickly (and before someone relieved themselves on the hot stove).

We were mischievous (don't tell my dad) but not trouble makers. We made our own fun, settled our own fights and knew if we got into bad trouble our parents would come down on us hard. The fact of parental presence all the time was not there (no hovering). You did it on your own and created your own fun BUT be polite, do not steal, do not lie and don't come home crying. Every parent kept his or her eye out for everyone else's child. It was real community.

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Committee to consider further herbicide ban

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adding that council had supported the resolution at the April meeting.

Garlon is used to kill small trees and woody plants and is used by Hydro One to control the growth of brush along power line corridors. It is not permitted for residential use.

"Then, we had a delegation from Hydro to the environment committee, and, unfortunately, it didn't come to all of council, so it may not have been well-received in the press or all of council might not have understood Hydro's responsibility," Roberts said. "... They talked about what equipment they have to wear, they were arborists, these are extremely trained people ... it is not air-spraying ... it is done very particularly. It was a fulsome delegation to the environment committee which probably changed some people's opinion in terms of the time period ... I think it was always a decision of council to do something on pesticides and herbicides."

Roberts explained the environment committee had then proposed a setback from waterbodies of 300 metres. The current setback for Garlon use by Hydro One is just three metres from water.

"It was the thought of the environment committee, of some of the members, not all of them, we haven't had a recorded vote, that we give Hydro a year," Roberts said, adding the municipality was not trying to hide information from anyone.

Earlier in the meeting, council heard delegations from the presidents of two lake associations, requesting the municipi-

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It's unfortunate that lake associations haven't had time enough to discuss this with members.

— Rick Wesselman

pality enforce a Garlon ban immediately.

Rick Wesselman is president of the Drag and Spruce Lakes Property Owners' Association.

"For most of the summer, the issue of Garlon sort of flew under the radar," Wesselman said, adding the association supported a ban. "It's unfortunate that lake associations haven't had time enough to discuss this with members."

Wesselman noted the toxic properties of Garlon, its effects on aquatic life, and also questioned the health implication of people picking berries in areas where Garlon has been sprayed, or hunters taking animals who've been feeding in areas where the chemical has been applied.

While Councillor John Smith, who first brought the issue of a potential Garlon ban to the committee back in February, said earlier this year he'd received verbal confirmation from a rep at Hydro One that the herbicide would not be used, Wesselman said residents have observed

it being used, as has Smith himself, he said.

Wesselman said a ban was supported by a number of other lake associations in the county.

Percy Lake Ratepayers' Association president Anna Tillman also urged council to proceed with the ban, noting the toxicity and long half-life of Garlon, and adding that its use has been banned by Hydro One in a number of other Ontario communities.

Council chambers were full for the presentation on Garlon.

Roberts said perhaps council needed more information from provincial and federal environment ministries before making a decision.

"I think this is a bigger issue than ... perhaps this table is able to make [a decision on]," she said.

"If it's such a terrible thing ... why does the government allow it?" she added.

Councillor Larry Clarke pointed out that Garlon is not the only harmful chemical herbicide, and suggested that council should get more information and then create a larger, more comprehensive ban on all herbicides and pesticides deemed too toxic for use.

"This was first raised in April ... we gave them [Hydro One] an opportunity to come and explain to us," Clarke said, adding that the utility had been asked to identify alternative products that would not be harmful to local lakes or residents.

If the municipality were to enforce a ban on Garlon alone, "we start the process again with the next chemical, and the next chemical," he said, reinforcing

ing his preference for starting work on a larger herbicide ban.

"To be clear, my position on this hasn't changed," said Smith, advocating for an all-out ban. In response to Roberts positing that the provincial government still permitted the use of Garlon, Smith said, "They don't look at the needs of specific communities," adding that's why the Municipal Act gave local governments the authority to make such decisions.

"We know of one major industrial user in this county, and it's Hydro One, and let's stop that immediately," Smith said, as residents in the gallery cheered and applauded.

"This is not a theatre, it's a council meeting," Roberts said, asking attendees to refrain from applauding during council proceedings.

Councillor Tammy Donaldson wanted to know why reps from Hydro One hadn't visited council as a whole.

"Why wasn't Hydro here to answer the questions?" Donaldson asked.

"They were only at the environment committee," Roberts said.

Another recommendation from the environment and climate change committee came to the council table, that a 300-metre buffer be established and that Hydro One be given until the end of 2020 to come up with an alternative. That motion was defeated by council, meaning the support of the April motion instructing Hydro One to cease use of Garlon will stand.

Smith asked that the utility immediately stop using the chemical, and the issue of a larger ban on toxic herbicides will go back to the committee.

Dysart to purchase aggregate pit

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Staff Reporter

The Municipality of Dysart et al will buy a licensed gravel pit off the Irish Line, although one member of council has taken issue with the purchase.

At their Aug. 27 meeting, councillors voted to purchase the 95-acre property for \$475,000, with Councillor John Smith saying he believed the municipality had overpaid.

"It's a piece of property that was listed on MLS, and you know, there are lots of properties that get listed on MLS, some of them sell, some of them don't sell ... but it was council's decision to not take any steps, at least in my mind ... [to ensure] that we're actually achieving the best value for our taxpayers here," Smith said, suggesting that the township should have hired an outside expert to perform a market analysis in order to determine a value for the property. Smith pointed out that when the municipality buys a vehicle, for instance, there is a competitive bid process, so council can be sure it is getting the best value.

"We went ahead and submitted an offer without that insight," Smith said, adding the seller had willingly accepted the township's initial offer.

"And although that sand may be valuable to us, the fact of the matter is the market isn't determined by what one organization thinks it would be."

"For the amount of sand that was in it, we were going to have to pay that, anyway," responded Councillor Tammy

Donaldson, adding that value was subjective.

The municipality's public works director has estimated there is \$2.5 million worth of sand on the property to be used by the roads department.

"To me, that's pretty good value," said Councillor Walt McKechnie.

Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts said the issue had been discussed by council at length in closed session. The acquisition or disposition of property is one of the reasons council may go in-camera under the Municipal Act.

"Perhaps it wasn't a unanimous decision, but it was certainly decided by the majority of council that we go ahead," Woods-Roberts said. "Like Tammy said, one man's trash is another man's treasure."

"This was done completely open and transparent and according to our purchasing policies and our procurement of property," said Mayor Andrea Roberts. "We discussed it in closed [session], we have a resolution in open [session] ... to say that we didn't have the expertise to say the value of the property is basically slamming the expertise of our staff."

Roberts added that Smith could have brought his suggestion to all of council, and council could have agreed or disagreed.

"This followed complete due process," she said. "We had an evaluation of the property, and of the aggregate in the property, by our staff."

Smith requested a recorded vote on the purchase, voting in opposition while the rest of council voted in favour.

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Kids get crafty

Fifteen children made their honeypots with lids as part of the honeypot workshop offered on Thursday, Aug. 29 at Abbey Gardens. Taught by local potter Lisa Barry of Homestead Pottery, this was one of several activities/events during Honey Week offered at Abbey Gardens from Aug. 26 to 31./DARREN LUM Staff



James de Jonge van der Halen gets some help from his mother Tami Wilkins of Mississauga while working on a clay honeypot with a lid.



Local potter Lisa Barry shows the first step to make a clay honeypot with a lid.



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Honey Week talk showcases native bees

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Staff Reporter

We can have a hand in helping all the pollinators, said guest speaker Susan Blayney, during her Native Bee Talk at Abbey Gardens Aug. 28 as part of Honey Week.

Blayney is a naturalist passionate about protecting native pollinators, and has taken the lead on having Kawartha Lakes designated as a Bee City. She provided an overview of bees, the challenges facing them and made it clear that everyone needs to help reverse the degradation of the environment and climate change.

There is a relationship between pollinators and the health of our environment.

"It's about raising people's consciousness, awareness. Making people aware what's going on in your backyard. Is it really what you think should be going on in your backyard? Your backyard is not just your backyard. Your backyard is your community. It's where you live. Your environment," she said.

It's important to learn from Indigenous communities how to connect to the natural world, she said.

"We put a wall up and say it's us and the outside instead of we're all part of the web of life," she said.

This is a philosophy Blayney learned being part of a bee city, which is a designation recognizing communities taking steps to help pollinators. There are 30 bee cities in Canada.

Blayney didn't believe the Highlands needed such a designation due to the lack of urban build up.

There are more than 400 native bee species in Ontario. Out of that total there is one honey bee. Blayney said we've become dependent on honey bees for agriculture.

"For example, the almond industry in California requires the services of something like 80 per cent of all the honey bees in the United States to pollinate its crop. In the late-winter, all the bees in the United States basically get trucked to California and then when they're done their job they can go back to where they belong. That's how dependent we are on honey bees," she said.

Disease and pesticides are not a problem for bees only, it's a problem for us all.

"Native bee are important to the whole ecosystem. Not just for us," she said.

Not all bees live in hives. Just honey bees. Bumble bees live in nests, numbering in the hundreds. These types of bees have a queen, which is the mother to virtually all the young. The first eggs are females so they can raise the young. Late in August, the queen lays male eggs, which is to impregnate the queen. It's a unique characteristic of bees, which can choose the sex of their eggs.

The rest of the species are solitary bees where the females create a nest and lay eggs and then die at the end the season.

Bees fall into two categories when it comes to living arrangements: One, ground-nesters and two, stem-nesters. Ground-nesters sometimes use rodents' old nests.

One ground-nester is the squash bee, which is vital to squash. There is only one in Ontario.

"If you are going to raise squashes and there are no squash bees around you will not get fruit," Blayney said. "You can see other bees will go into the flowers they cannot effectively pollinate them. The squash bee does this little dance around the stamen and pistil to get the pollen it needs and that is what does it."

The neonicotinoids, a type of insecticide, are often found in the ground, which



Connie Walker of Carnarvon, left, looks at a plant held by Native Bee Talk guest speaker Susan Blayney, a naturalist with a passion for bees, while Kim Kelly of Tory Hill and Barb Bolin, a volunteer and board member at Abbey Gardens, look on. The event was one of several activities held during Honey Week at Abbey Gardens from Aug. 26 to 31. /DARREN LUM Staff

adversely affects ground-nesters such as the squash bee.

Stem-nesters include mason bees and blue orchard bees. One mason bee, she said, can do the work of 18 honey bees when it comes to pollination. "Although a lot of orchards will encourage or work with beekeepers to have honey bees in their orchards, they will also plant native flowers for mason bees because of the fact they'll get better pollination if the honey bee has the help," she said.

The route the honey bee takes through the flower does not result in as much pollination as the mason bee. Mason bees are active in the spring. Their life cycle coincides with the fruit plants.

Thousands of insects pollinate, including butterflies, wasps and beetles.

"It's important to keep this in mind when reading about pollinator decline. It's not just about bees, it's not just about honey bees," Blayney said.

However bees are the most important pollinators because they evolve with the plants.

"The plants need them. They need the plants," she said. "Bees evolved to have hairy bodies. They have little pollen pouches on their legs ... because bees need pollen and nectar to raise their young so that's why they're very busy out there. Other insects are at flowers getting nectar, but the bees need pollen balls to feed their eggs," she said.

Among the common misconceptions is that bees make honey for people; in fact, they produce honey to survive during the winter.

Insects overall are struggling.

Blayney cited a German study published in the journal *Plos One*, which was based on the work of dozens of amateur entomologists that took place over 25 years. Published in 2017, the results revealed that there was a reduction of 75 per cent of flying insects at 63 nature reserves across Germany.

Since 2012 when there was a massive die-off for bees in North America, it's been downhill.

This raised the alarm for all insects, she said.

"We've had three bad years in a row now. Insects are being impacted. It's the little things that are going [to affect them]. The building blocks of our ecology are eroding. The foundation can't hold," she said.

"The thing I feel optimistic about is when I talk to people. That people are concerned. This is something I keep telling my municipal government: people are concerned. Don't think that you can't make changes because people won't vote for you if you don't," she said. Part of it is

pollen and nectar, which is a source of food for offspring.

Insects need water, so people can help by leaving out water by filling the lid of a garbage can with rocks for them to perch. Ensure the water doesn't stagnate to avoid mosquitoes. Every two days change the water.

Chemical companies, which produce the insecticides, herbicides and fungicides for agricultural practices, are not inherently evil, she said.

"It's just that they think they've got the answer," she said. "They have an agenda."

Although conventional contemporary farming employs chemicals, there are agricultural operations that are using sustainable practices.

It provides hope, but the "clock is ticking."

As much as it helps for each person to take responsibility, it's also important to let your local politicians know what you think.

"We really do have to ask our politicians and show them that we care about the environment. You can't just keep betting on the economy and put all your eggs in the economy," she said.

Climate change, Blayney said, is the greatest threat to bees and all wildlife. How plants are adapting to climate change can be detrimental to bees, which depend on being able to evolve with plants they depend on.

Although insects are effective at adapting, particularly with their ability to evolve in a short time, it's still a challenge to keep up.

"They are trying to adapt, but you can only adapt so far so fast," she said.

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Author Susanna Kearsley looking forward to first Highlands visit

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New York Times best-selling author Susanna Kearsley is excited and "honoured to be asked and given this chance to come up and meet the people of Haliburton."

Kearsley will be at the Haliburton Legion on Sunday, Sept. 15 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., as part of the first ever Big Book Club. This admission-by-donation event, which includes a book signing and silent auction, will provide the public an opportunity to ask Kearsley questions related to writing philosophy and about her latest book, *Bellewether*, a novel of love, war and historical intrigue. There will also be a "tune in" opportunity through the Haliburton Reads and Writes Facebook page for a live feed of the event, which is hosted by Erin Kernohan-Berning. One person (and a guest) will win a chance through the silent auction at the event to meet with Kearsley for tea at a private home during her week's stay. The auctioning of her time is a first for her. She's looking forward to it though.

"I'm very easygoing and have no trouble talking," she said.

She anticipates a different interaction depending on whether the person is a writer or a fan.

The Canadian author of 13 published (and one to be published) books will arrive on Sept. 14 and then stay for seven days, living at a cottage provided as part of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands Writer in Residence Program. Kearsley called it a "gift" to have a quiet place to write.

While in the Highlands, she will not only be available as a willing resource for people interested in writing, but will also work on her next book *The Vanished Days*, which is due to her publishers for May 13.

Visiting small communities is something she takes great pride in, because growing up in Port Elgin she never had such an opportunity to meet with working authors.

"I always wrote from the time I was very small, but it was never something that I really thought I could do for a living because I never had any contact with anybody who did do that for a living. Whenever I get an opportunity to go into areas like this one, especially connect with school children ... just let people see that writers are ordinary people who grew up in places just like this one, it's something I just jump at. You know, if out of the community you can even inspire a handful of people to find their own voices and tell their own stories, it's a wonderful thing. I'm really looking forward to it," she said.

She loves meeting with school children because they ask the best questions.

"They'll just ask you anything," she said. "They keep you on your toes and they make you think a lot about your process and your craft because they're really

working on a lot of things themselves and I just really enjoy talking to kids about writing."

The plan is for her to speak with Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students on Monday, Sept. 16.

Other than passing through the area as a child, Kearsley has never been to Haliburton County, but is looking forward to coming. She is long-time friends with Ruth Walker, who cottages in the area and is a member of Haliburton Reads and Writes, which is a subcommittee of the Literary Arts Round Table hosted by the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands.

Kearsley invites people to ask her questions.

"I aim to be very accessible and I'm not there to be a snob. I'm there to be there for people to ask questions. Some people are too shy to ask questions in front of other people at the main event so that's kind of what I'm there for," she said.

Marie Gage of the Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands wrote in an email, "the committee was looking for an author whose genre was different than last year's author, Frances Itani, yet still popular with a broad selection of readers and writers in the region."

Gage adds bringing Kearsley will be an "inspiration to prospective writers."

The Literary Arts Round Table identified a lack of access in the community "to expertise that can help prospective writers achieve their goals. Always having to travel to gain the expertise was identified as a barrier to individuals advancing toward their goals. Through the book club format to this year's event it is hoped to attract both readers and writers to benefit from wisdom."

After 26 years of experience, the soon-to-be visiting author reveals the challenge she faces every time she writes.

"Every single time I think I've lost my ability to write and my publishers are going to want their advance back and my readers are going to hate this one and I might as well just give it up and stop writing. Every single time I think this is it ... Every single time it works itself out. I wish I had known then that this is just going to keep happening for my entire career," she said.

She said going through it the first time, she thought it was a one time thing. Then it was the second time, she thought it was another reason. Now she accepts it.

"By now I know this is just my process and I don't think it'll ever stop. I just wish I had known this is just going to be the pattern of all my books and that I was never going to reach a point," she said, referring to 26 years since she was first published.

"I still feel like people are going to come in and point at me and say, 'Out of the pool. You don't know what you're doing.' That feeling never goes away," she said.

She said to reconcile this pattern, she reminds herself and also speaks to other authors, who go through the same struggle.

"Most of us have what we call 'imposter syndrome' where we don't feel like we really are that good at it. Most of us have this dip in the middle of a book where we don't feel like it's doing very well and when you get talking to each other then you realize you're not the only one goes through this. And you think, 'OK. Push forward and it will get better' and it always does," she said.

She often writes early in the morning, which was born of necessity, because of her work as a curator, then a waiter, and as a mother raising two boys. One is in his last year of high school and the other is entering his first year of university in Estonia.

Kearsley does a lot of historical research for her books, but does not complete a character outline. She relies on getting to know the character through the writing process.

"This kind of driving in the dark and just seeing as far as my headlights will show me has been the way that works best for me," she said. "It can be a little scary at times, but I write so slowly it's maybe what keeps me interested more. It makes the process more interesting for me. It keeps me from getting bored."

She said the time she takes to write a book is a little longer than others.

It will take on average a year-and-a-half to two years. Some books have taken her up to four years to write.

"There are books that have felt like they were just handed to me like a gift where I sat down and the story just kind of flowed through me. My book *Mariana* was one of them ... my book *The Winter Sea* was another one that felt like that. I just couldn't wait to get into the writing to write that book," she said. *The Firebird* was also included in that list when "everything was just perfectly balanced, craftwise."

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When I'm in a room by myself and the words are coming well everything else is gone except the story and that for me is a feeling that is just indescribable.

— Susanna Kearsley

Her latest published work, *Bellewether* is the first time she has used her own family history.

"There is a specialness in that for me. Usually, I'm using someone else's family history as the basis for a book. It is the first time I used my own family history and my own past occupation as a museum curator. As again, normally I'm researching someone else's occupation and putting that on the page. It was a very personal book and that made it a very personal writing experience," she said. "It's kind of special to me for that reason."

While writing this book, she experienced health issues. It contributed to the three-year effort, which was greatly supported by her publisher. She adds there is a sequel to the book planned to be written called, *Windward Passage*. She said it is already sold and will be written after current book is completed.

Her yet-to-be-published work is part of a collection of four novellas, a joint book with other authors, coming out autumn, 2020. The book is called, *The Deadly Hours*. That will be her 14th published book.

Home right now is the Greater Toronto Area. However she loves small communities.

Although she was born in Brantford and moved around with her father, an engineer, she speaks fondly about the "holiday community" of Port Elgin, which she said is similar to Haliburton.

"The time I was growing up we had one stoplight. That is about my pace. We had one stoplight and a movie theatre and, you know, it was a nice place to grow up. I'm really looking forward to [coming]. I like the slower pace," she said.

Ever since Kearsley was a young girl, she has always loved the power of writing.

It keeps her going.

"It is how I process what's going on around me. I pick up a pen and I write about it, whether it's when I was small I either wrote a poem about it or I wrote a song about it or I wrote a story about it, whether it was a good thing or a bad thing or a scary thing that was happening to me it went down in words on a page," she said. "And when I'm in a room by myself and the words are coming well everything else is gone except the story and that for me is a feeling that is just indescribable. It is just a feeling I want to recapture again, again, again, again and again. As long as I can keep doing that, you know, I'm happy."

A publishing professionals panel discussion, called From Inspiration to Publication is planned for Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Minden Hills Community Centre. This includes a discussion about the business of writing from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and then writers can book one-on-one sessions to pitch a manuscript, discuss a story idea or learn the best places to send work from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"This event brings two publishers, an editor and an author of children's books to the Minden Community Centre for a discussion of issues of publication followed by an opportunity for local authors to meet with panelists in a private session in the afternoon. There is also a bonus workshop, run by Ruth E. Walker, an award-winning writer, in the afternoon," Marie Gage said.

The publishers are Scott Fraser of Dundurn Press, Shane Joseph of Blue Denim Press, editor and partner in West Coast Editorial Associates, Frances Peck, and children's author Heather M. O'Connor. The panel includes author, *Minden Times* columnist and retired general manager and editor of The Canadian Press news agency, Jim Poling Sr. The event is presented by Haliburton Reads and Writes. Register at www.eventbrite.ca/e/from-inspiration-to-publication-tickets-69081222797.



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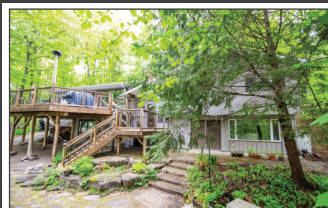
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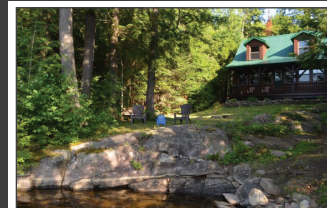
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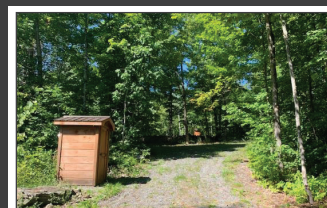
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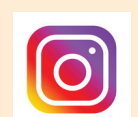
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 - 14. Hawaiian island
 - 15. Fit to work
 - 16. Electronic counter-countermeasures
 - 17. Former Senator Specter
 - 18. Cambodian currency
 - 19. Dave Matthews Band hit
 - 21. Lists ingredients
 - 22. Endangered antelope
 - 23. Jerry's TV partner
 - 24. Blue grass state
 - 25. Obstruct
 - 28. Luke's mentor ___-Wan
 - 29. Fencing swords
 - 31. Oh, heavens!
 - 33. Insensitive to changes in price
 - 36. Hillsides
 - 38. Brew
 - 39. Gland secretion
 - 41. A typical example
 - 44. Get up
 - 45. You put it on your pasta
 - 46. Expresses surprise
 - 48. News organization
 - 49. Disorder of the lungs (abbr.)
 - 51. One millionth of a gram
- CLUES DOWN

 - 1. Lyric poems
 - 2. Genus of saltwater clams
 - 3. Ingroup
 - 4. Type of lounge chair
 - 5. Memory card
 - 6. Archipelago
 - 7. Common Korean surname
 - 8. It's up there
 - 9. Quantity that helps to define
 - 10. First month of the Jewish ecclesiastical year
 - 11. Metal-headed golf club
 - 12. A shade of green
 - 14. Begin
 - 17. A good thing to have
 - 20. Language spoken in Laos
- CLUES ACROSS

 - 21. Loosely compacted sediment
 - 23. Naturally occurring protein
 - 25. Woman
 - 26. Central Indian city
 - 27. Volcanic craters
 - 29. The largest existing land animals
 - 30. Rumanian city
 - 32. Equal to 10 meters
 - 34. Historic Nevada city
 - 35. A point of transition
 - 37. Remove
 - 40. Overwatch character
 - 42. Records electric currents linked to the heart
 - 43. Settles in calmly
 - 47. Partner to him
 - 49. Banking giant
 - 50. Slowly disappeared
 - 52. End
 - 53. Sword with a v-shaped blade
 - 55. Fabric with smooth, shiny surface
 - 56. Wild cherry tree
 - 57. Traditional Japanese socks
 - 58. Make of your hard work
 - 59. Stony waste matter
 - 61. Woman (French)
 - 65. Unit of loudness

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SUE TIFFIN

Staff Reporter

Tobey Champ was the winner of a much-coveted hockey jersey autographed by Matt Duchene when her raffle ticket was drawn after the Haliburton Powerboat Races by Alan Gordon, owner of RPM, the main sponsor of the races.

But the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary was also celebrating when just more than \$7,000 was raised at the fifth anniversary of the event held on Head Lake on the weekend of Aug. 17 to 18 this year.

Judy Skinner, former president of the auxiliary and volunteer, said the participants, who come from throughout the U.S. and Canada to take part or watch, were "absolutely incredible."

"They give from the heart, the most generous people," she said. "They love the hospital, they love the community, and so many of them commented on the wonderful, warm welcome they received from all the shopkeepers and the restaurateurs, and they said the whole town just welcomed them so warmly. This is their favourite location for races. I think that's ... what a wonderful tribute that is to Haliburton."

Skinner said the funds raised through the event, which included the raffle and a 50/50 draw in which the winners donated their prize back to the auxiliary in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, will go toward the auxiliary's project of replacing hospital beds. Each bed costs almost \$12,000.

"This is all about cottage country, this is what we all grew up with is these little speed boats," said Gordon. "Mind you these are a little bit different than the ones we grew up with, but I think it is really representative of Haliburton County. There's so many lakes and so many cottages. I just think this is a terrific thing to have up here."

Both Gordon and Skinner credited event organizer Barb Hammond for her work in organizing the event over the past five years.



Tobey Champ was the winner of an autographed Matt Duchene hockey jersey donated by Duchene to the Haliburton Powerboat Races event for a raffle benefiting the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. The Powerboat Races, for which RPM is a major sponsor, raised \$7,100 for the auxiliary in this, the event's fifth year, held Aug. 17 to 18. Event organizer Barb Hammond, Judy Skinner of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and Alan Gordon of Haliburton RPM drew Champ's name on Aug. 26. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Speakers series offers tantalizing talks

Another season of the Telling our Stories speaker series gets underway on Sept. 11. The series, presented by Yours Outdoors, continues to offer a wide variety of fascinating, eclectic tales of adventure travel, music, nature, politics and life.

Conceived by Sean Pennylegion and Barrie Martin, the series attracts large audiences to listen to stories told by local Highlanders and special guests including Jim Blake, Kurt Browning, Jack Brezina, Robert Fisher, Kevin Callan, Barry Devolin and Carol Moffatt to name just a few.

"It is hard to believe we are in our fourth year," says Pennylegion, "we have heard so many great stories - from travels in Iceland and Africa to adventures as a radio host in the '60s to the politics of Queen's Park. I think it is the diversity of topics that appeal to those who attend."

The fourth series starts with a presentation featuring local celebrity Brigitte Gall called "Piece by Piece. A Talk on How Not to Worry About How Things Should Fit." What do you do when you graduate from high school with a 64 English average? Well, in Brigitte's case, you travel the world, entertain the masses, start a family and then start a jigsaw puzzle company, of course! Brigitte will, as always, have you in stitches.

October's offering (on the 9th), "Bloodsuckers," includes a talk by Mateus Pepinelli called "Flies We Despise" and another by Kevin Anderson called "Worms that Suck." They will focus on two groups of bloodsuckers that are

abundant across Canada: black flies and leeches describing both their bad reputations, as well as the benefits they provide to humans. Join us for a closer look at these amazing animals and face your fears by getting cozy with the little vampires that live all around us.

On Nov. 13 Ted Barris returns with a new story and new book. "Rush To Danger: Medics in the Line of Fire" offers a powerful anecdotal account of how the science of saving lives in battle has evolved from the U.S. Civil War through two World Wars and into the 21st century. Not only has Ted retraced his father Ted Barris's wartime experience in his new book, but he has also drawn from his library of interviews and research of military medical personnel to show stories of those who chose to go to rush to danger!

"Sean and I are having great fun researching and recruiting possible speakers and we have some exciting prospects in the works for the rest of the series," said Barrie Martin, owner/operator of Yours Outdoors.

The Telling our Stories speaker series happens on the second Wednesday of every month and is held at the HHOA Fish Hatchery. The cost is \$10/person, a portion of which is donated to a local environmental/conservation organization. For more information or to reserve a seat call 705-754-3436 or 705-457-7557 (cell) or visit www.yoursoutdoors.ca (see calendar).

Daughter takes trip down memory lane with new book

JENN WATT

Editor

Author Connie McCracken's new book, *Nine Decades: Nine Lives - A Life in Pieces*, explores the life of Maxwell "Curley" Curvin, a man local to the Peterborough area, with connections to the Haliburton Highlands.

Curvin, who was McCracken's father, was born in 1918 in Peterborough, where he lived for 96 years, helping his father to establish a resort at Young's Point.

"My father did a million different jobs to make a buck, some quite unique, and I tell people about them in several chapters ... my favourite being 'Diggin' Skunks and Pickin' Pigeons.' But his main business of pinball machines, novelty games, jukeboxes, and background music actually started at the resort when his dad brought a (one-arm bandit) slot machine home from a business trip to Montreal and they placed them in different tourist locations for their clientele to use," McCracken said in an email to the *Echo*.

He also had a hunt camp on Eels Lake Road and on Bryan's Road near Gooderham, which McCracken said are in the book. The family vacationed at Linkert's resort in Wilberforce for years.

"The book about my father was actually started as a novel, not just a biography so that all could enjoy his funny and unique stories. It has history for all of Ontario and something for young and old to enjoy," she said. Although it's based in reality, because Curley isn't here to verify all the details, McCracken said it's a fictionalized account.

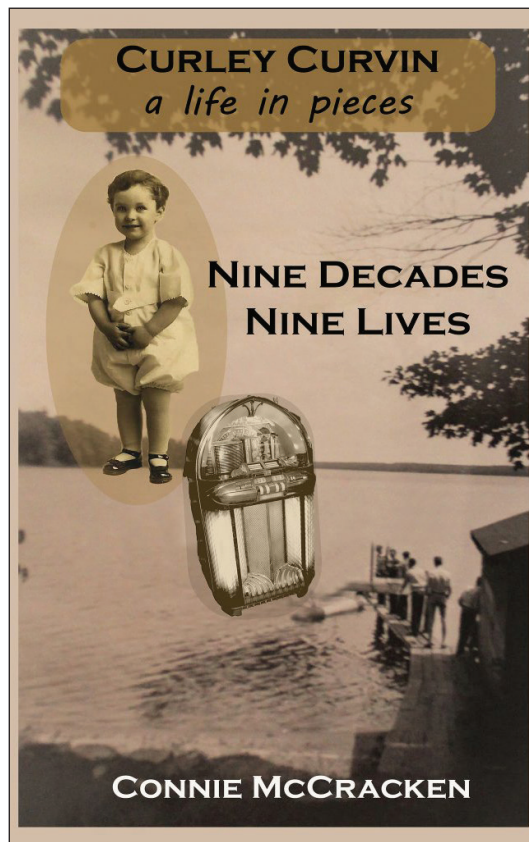
"The book is very much about how times have changed, as Ed Arnold



Connie McCracken is launching her second book on Amazon Kindle as an ebook on Sept. 5 with a softcover launch on Oct. 5 at Ricky's All Day Grill, Peterborough. You can read more at conniemccracken.com/book. /Photo courtesy of the author

describes in the quote about the book. It goes from Model T Fords to my dad's background business being fazed out because of new technology," she said.

Ed Arnold, former managing editor of the *Peterborough Examiner*, is quoted in promotional materials for *Nine Decades* as saying: "People with ideas for books should take the time to write them, especially memoirs or nonfiction ones so history will be retained in a bound format:



Connie McCracken has taken the time to do this in a book about her father, Maxwell Curvin, best known among local people as 'Curley.' She tells the story through his eyes in an imaginative, raw, down to earth format that not only includes his story but of the people and places around us which will bring back many memories for those who lived those times. Connie has done an admirable job of gathering, researching and putting

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My father did a million different jobs to make a buck, some quite unique, and I tell people about them in several chapters.

— Connie McCracken

forth the information for Peterborough and area readers to enjoy while giving younger people a peek into the picture of past lives and a reminder to all of us how times have changed, oh, how times have changed."

Maxwell "Curley" Curvin lived through the Depression and gained skills in reusing and recycling, fixing things and finding ways to feed his family, even during financial hard times, McCracken said. Sometimes that meant hunting and fishing to put a meal on the table.

"We would laugh that I would say 'I didn't even know what beef was until I was a teenager,'" she said.

McCracken is also the author of a children's book called *Indigo Boy and Crystal-line Girl*.

Nine Decades: Nine Lives - A Life in Pieces is being released on Amazon Kindle as an ebook on Sept. 5 with a softcover launch on Oct. 5 at Ricky's All Day Grill at 898 Monaghan Rd., Peterborough from 2 to 4 p.m. You can read more at conniemccracken.com/book.



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FORM 6
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER
Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

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Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on October 8, 2019, at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Dysart et al Municipal Office, 135 Maple Avenue, Haliburton.

Description of Lands:

- Roll No. 46 24 011 000 36400 0000; 1412 Fred Jones Rd., Haliburton; PIN 39183-0049 (LT); Part Lot 23 Concession 7 Dysart as in H175292; T/W H175292; Dysart et al; File No. 18-02
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$147,500.00
Minimum tender amount: \$9,830.94
- Roll No. 46 24 030 000 47000 0000; PIN 39156-0164 (LT); Part Lots 28 to 33 Concession 7 Harcourt as in H202738; S/T execution 07-0000427, if enforceable; Dysart et al; File No. 18-23
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$186,000.00
Minimum tender amount: \$11,565.03

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001* and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale contact:

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UPCOMING

Community Events

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com

Highlands Storytellers Circle

When: Thursday Sept. 5, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Canoe FM Radio Hall.
Bring a story to tell or just come to listen. All welcome, no charge. For more information call Bob at 705 457 8617

HHOA Septemberfest

When: Sept. 7
Where: Haliburton Legion
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Taoist Tai Chi - Open Houses

Haliburton: Haliburton United Church - Monday, Sept. 9, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, 10 a.m. to noon
Kinmount: Galway Community Hall - Monday, Sept. 9, 10 a.m. to noon, Thurs. Sept. 12 10 a.m. to noon
Stanhope: Stanhope Community Center - Tues. Sept. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Friday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m. to noon
For more information: contact Wilma at 705-457-5829

Eventide: Community Conversation on Living and Dying Well

When: Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1 to 3 p.m.
Where: South Algonquin Diner, Wilberforce
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Environment Haliburton! Enviro-Café

When: Tues., Sept. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Haliburton U. C., 10 George St, Haliburton
What: How to talk about the climate crisis without killing the conversation
Cost: by donation
For more info: Susan Hay 705-457-9239

Lunch and Learn with Tammy Rea

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 12 p.m. lunch, presentation at 1 p.m.
Where: Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Road, Haliburton
Cost is \$20 (cash or cheque only)
For tickets call Angela Jones at 416-578-6998

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

No-Family Doctor Immunization Clinic

When: Wednesday, Sept. 11
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland Street, Unit 301) in Haliburton. Free immunization clinics for families without a doctor. To book an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1507.



Riders charge up the hill for the mountain biking provincial championships at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in this file photo. The O-Cup takes place Sunday, Sept. 8 this year. The youth race is Saturday, Sept. 7. / DARREN LUM Staff

Provincial mountain biking championships to come to Sir Sam's

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Mountain bikers from all over Ontario will be making tracks and looking to be at their best for the upcoming mountain bike provincial championships Sept. 8 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

This is the final race of the O-Cup, a seven-race series, and the fourth consecutive year the Eagle Lake facility has hosted the event. Children as young as nine will be competing in the championships.

Chris Bishop of Sir Sam's Ski and Ride said, "being able to host the provincial championships is a feather in our cap and shows that we have the best trails and facility to host this major event. It will again introduce our facility and the Haliburton Highlands to many new riders and family members."

He expects local riders Nick Emsley and Owen Flood will be competing. They have been racing this season in the senior elite men (19 plus) field of competitors.

After six races, Flood was in 13th position while Emsley was in 27th (having only competed in two races). Flood only sits six points shy of the top-10. Twenty-five points are awarded for a win. Twenty-two for second, 20 for third, 18 for fourth and 17 for fifth and 16 for sixth and so on. The best five finishes of the eight total races are used for the point total.

Included with the provincial competition, there is also a youth race on Saturday, Sept. 7. The start is at 3 p.m. Register online.

From the website (www.superflyracing.com), which is the location for everything related to the O-Cup: "As host of many Provincial Championships, Sir Sam's Ski and Ride will again host the grand finale on the [country's] most successful provincial race circuit! This is arguably the best and most exciting course on the circuit – but what isn't arguable are the stellar accommodations! The Bishop family roll out the red carpet for our riders, treat us to a fun and affordable Saturday night banquet, and provide the best venue on the series!"

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Learning to ride
The Rieger twin two-year-old brothers, Adam, left, and Benjamin were out run-biking with their mother on Thursday, Aug. 29 in Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The Haliburton brothers eventually went to the library after a few spills, bumpy descents down the grassy hill and plenty of laughs. /DARREN LUM Staff

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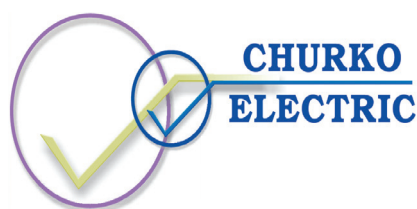
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Peacefully at the Milton General Hospital on Thursday evening, August 29, 2019 at the age of 86. Predeceased by his partner Marion LeRiche. Dear father of Pat and her husband Glen Webster, John, Lee-Anne and her partner Damian Huckle and Scott. Special Papa to Jimmy (Jocelyn), Greg (Danielle), and Nicole (Ben), Cheryl (Shawn) and Grandpa to Draeden. Great Grandpa to Ciera, Keegan, Brycen and Memphis. Predeceased by his sisters Ethel Harrison and Ruth Teasdale. Don will be greatly missed by nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception
Friends were invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Monday morning, September 2, 2019 for the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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In Loving Memory of
Joan Kathleen Meadows (nee Quigley)
Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Wednesday, August 28, 2019. In her 86th year.

Beloved wife of the late Jim Meadows and the late John McIlwaine. Dear mother of Bill McIlwaine (Nancy-deceased), Tom McIlwaine (Shirley-deceased) and Ann Bennett. Loving grandma to Russell, Lindsay, Kim (Kyle), Phillip, Laura and great grandma to Aliyah. Dear sister of Paul Quigley. Fondly remembered by her family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 10:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Joan's Life at 11:00 am. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

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Waiting for the fun to start:

Games are always a highlight of the annual picnic and fun day for Canning Lake cottagers, and when the youngsters had earned their prizes, it was time for the adults to get involved in zany races and share some laughter with their lakeside neighbours. **More on page 9**

Digital mapping may come to the rescue

DIANA ZLOMISLIC

Staff Reporter

In an emergency, privacy can be a dangerous thing when your house is tucked into a corner of a forest only you and your nearest neighbour (10 km along the winding path) know how to get to.

That's where really good, up-to-date maps come in.

Driven by his passion for cartography, Stephen Foster, is trying to get cottagers' associations organized so that even properties out in the "boonies" can receive emergency attention promptly.

Foster, a director of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Associations, held a public meeting at the Dysart communi-

ty centre recently to discuss the need for a newer, technologically based mapping system in the county.

Haliburton is one of four regions covered by the Lindsay dispatch area for the Ministry of Health. For each of these regions, an emergency response atlas is available for ambulances and dispatch officers to help

them pinpoint the caller's location.

The problem is that Haliburton's maps in the Ministry's files haven't been updated since 1987.

Since the government is no longer responsible for maintaining accurate maps, FOCA has created a program called "Cottage Where" which would

address the mapping issue.

Working with the Ministry of Health, Foster says FOCA will issue updated, digitalized maps if cottagers' associations are willing to put in some driving time.

Foster proposed that members of these associations literally

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Strike ends as VON nurses sign two-year contract

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

The Victorian Order of Nurses and its Registered Practical Nurses reached a two-year settlement late last week, bringing an end to the RPNs'

almost month-long strike.

The RPNs went back to work starting August 2.

Because of the long weekend holiday, details about the contract settlement were difficult to ascertain.

However, a Friday afternoon

press release from Marion Schwiebert, president of the Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton VON's board of governors, says "I would like to congratulate the VON and

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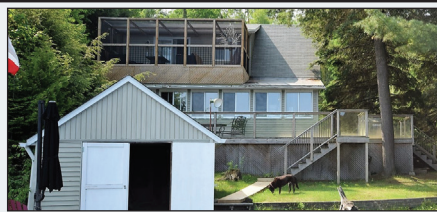
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